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IDEAS *about 4-H Clubs and YMW*

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Dear Coworkers:

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP IN REVIEW

The numerous and generous comments from delegates and leaders who participated in the 24th National 4-H Club Camp all add up to one summary idea -- 4-H'ers want and like to do things. They enjoyed most the opportunity of learning about our representative democracy by seeing it in action, and they liked the idea of participating in 4-H Club program planning through 3 exploratory groups and 6 program development committees.

Reports of the 6 program development committees of the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work which met during national camp will be channelled through the regular reports machinery of the subcommittee. The ideas and suggestions of the three program exploratory groups are enclosed with this issue of Ideas. Each deals with an important, timely subject in 4-H work. It is hoped that these preliminary ideas may stimulate further discussion in your State. The three reports are labelled:

1. The Place of 4-H in the New Extension Emphasis
2. The Graded Approach to 4-H Club Work
3. Evaluation

While you are studying the report of the exploratory group on 4-H in the new Extension emphasis, you may want to review the check sheet used by the national camp delegates when they considered this important topic on the last day. This certainly gives a takeoff for challenging discussion by and with club members. A copy of the check sheet is enclosed.

GOLD KEY WEARERS

We salute the 11 4-H staff members who reached the 25 year mark in Extension youth leadership, and were so honored during the National Camp. The honor list includes:

Alice Carlson, Oklahoma
Erma Cottingham, Illinois
C. P. Dorsey, West Virginia
Mylo S. Downey, USDA
David B. Fales, New York
H. W. Harshfield, Ohio

Kenneth C. Lovejoy, Maine
J. C. Ralston, Indiana
R. J. Richardson, Georgia
W. A. Sutton, Georgia
Daniel E. Warren, Idaho

REGIONAL CAMP

August 9 to 16 marks the date of the 7th Regional 4-H Club Camp. More than 150 delegates and leaders from 17 Southern and border States will meet at Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.

The theme of the camp will be "Working Together For World Understanding." Highlights of the program will include an address by a nationally known speaker, group discussions, and tours to spots of scenic and historic interest.

Director Clay Lyle, Mississippi State College is Chairman of the Camp Committee, J. W. Mitchell, Leader of Negro Work, Federal Extension Service, is Camp Director.

Delegates to the camp are chosen on the basis of outstanding leadership and project records from more than 330,000 Negro 4-H Club members.

4-H CONSERVATION CAMPS

The woods are full of them! Many of these camps have been operating over a long period of years. West Virginia, for example, has recently completed the 12th conservation camp.

We liked the way New York summed up their philosophy: "There is evidence that the State 4-H Conservation Training Camp has contributed conservation leadership in many of the different county or district 4-H camps now operating in the State. This is important since it means that many younger boys and girls going to these camps have an opportunity to become conservation minded at an early stage in life. Since most conservation work is a longtime program, it is reasonable to believe that the younger people can become sold on the importance of conservation the more they can do about it during their lifetime."

A significant consideration is that the planning and conducting of the camps is usually a joint responsibility of local, State and Federal governmental units interested in educational programs in soil, water, and wildlife conservation, and in forestry, teaming up with private individuals and interests. Progress in conservation work looks like a joint responsibility of many groups.

4-H DAIRY JUDGING TEAM IN ENGLAND

A wire from the Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging team, now in England, says "We placed fourth, 47 points back of the winning team from Ulster." The Maryland team participated in the International Dairy Cattle Judging Contest on July 6 at the Royal Show, Windsor Park, England. We shall be anxious for the team's return to learn first hand about the dairy and agricultural practices, rural youth organizations, and programs in England.

The team will share its experiences at a "Welcome Home Dinner" in the U. S. Department of Agriculture on August 12.

FARM SAFETY WEEK

From many of you we have had indications of your plans for 4-H activity during National Farm Safety Week, July 25 to 31. Much is being carried on. Our hope is that you will share with us the plans that work out particularly well. Through this "Ideas" letter, and other ways, let us help exchange the ideas that click.

TRAINING IN HUMAN RELATIONS

Sixty-three Extension workers are currently sharing the challenging experience of attending the Workshop in Human Relations being conducted at the University of Maryland Institute for Child Study. The workshop includes lectures, seminars, and field observation dealing with human motivation and behavior. The training is directly applicable to work with local 4-H Clubs and YMW groups.

Several of the participants of the previous two workshops are returning at their own expense to take advanced work in this field. Some of the meaning that former participants have found is illustrated by this comment of a 4-H leader who said: "We gradually began to recognize, in this method of searching to understand other people, a powerful tool for our own program improvement and for developing in ourselves the understanding, supporting attitude toward others which makes for effective leadership."

4-H FELLOWSHIPS

A feature of National Camp was the announcement of 4-H fellowship recipients for 1954-55. In making the announcement, M. C. Wilson, Director of the Division of Extension Research and Training, expressed the satisfaction we have had in seeing the rich experiences shared by the six fellows this past year. This has been the first time that more than two have shared the opportunity. During part of 1954 there have been seven fellows, since Don Foltz returned to complete an experience which was interrupted by military service.

For 1954-55, we shall have the opportunity of working with:

Bronna Mae Elkins, Florida
Ella Fazzalari, Maryland
Donna Kragh, Wisconsin
Don K. Wiles, Nebraska
Marvin Boss, Iowa
V. Joseph McAuliffe, New York

YMW CONFERENCE

The challenging theme "Attitudes for Happiness in Living with Yourself, Your Family and Your Community" will be the basis for workshop discussions and assembly programs for the four-State conference for young men and women, October 15 to 17. West Virginia will be host State, sharing the wonderful facilities at the State 4-H Club Camp at Jackson's Mill. Ohio is taking its turn for program leadership this year. Maryland and Virginia are the other participants.

There is a similar conference being planned for the young men and women of the New England States at the Festival House, Lennox, Massachusetts, on the same dates, October 15 to 17. The theme is "The Spotlight On You - Youth In A Democracy." Lawrence Loy of Massachusetts is serving as chairman of the program planning committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXTENSION WORK WITH YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

Director J. O. Knapp of West Virginia, chairman of this subcommittee, announces a meeting July 20 and 21 in Washington. Consideration will be given to implementation of the recommendations of the National Extension YMW Conference group that met at Allerton Park, Illinois, October 4 to 8, 1953. Also, how can YMW programs be integrated into the "New Look" extension approach to farm and home development, marketing, and discussions of public affairs.

THE 4-H IDEA AROUND THE GLOBE

The recent visits of Gus Brundage, who tells of 4-H work transplanted to and growing in Fernosa, and "Major" Harper Johnson, who shares a thrilling story of 4-H Club progress in the Philippines, served to remind us that the club plan has literally circled the globe. Youth of some 50 different countries are now challenged by a similar learn-through-doing plan.

The press has also been spreading the word. Several of you have called our attention to a religious magazine which tells the story of "El-Club-4-F", the Ecuadorian version of the 4-H Club. Here the 4-F's stand for felicidad--happiness, fe--faith, fecundidad--fertile soil, and fortaleza--strength.

A recent issue of a farm magazine reports the story of progress with 4-C Clubs of Haiti, where the French language translated the 4-H's into the 4-C's after the words "corps, coeur, cerveau, and cooperation."

Art Sowder, our Extension Forester, has received a letter from Fred J. Shulley, formerly Extension Forester in Arkansas and now a U. S. Army Agricultural Extension specialist with the Korean Civil Assistance Command. This was not only an enthusiastic letter, but also included an article from "Stars and Stripes", telling of the 4-H Club at Jongja, Korea, about 20 miles from Seoul. From it we quote: "While living and farming like their ancestors, Korean children in a score of villages are absorbing the fundamentals of 20th century farm life in small doses--the 4-H Club pledge, how to conduct meetings, and how to keep records of individual farm projects." He, also quotes his General as saying "This is the kind of work we need."

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Many States, counties and individual 4-H Clubs will want to share in the observance of United Nations Day, Sunday, October 24th. You can secure many helpful suggestions for this observance by writing the United States Committee for United Nations Day, 816 21st N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

A REPORT OF EARLY PROGRESS

Many of you have reminded us about an earlier mention of an Ohio booklet, a reprint of a 1903 bulletin, "Rural School Agriculture, Boys' and Girls' Experiment Club and the Agricultural Student Union of Ohio." We are now able to send you two copies, through the courtesy of Mr. A. B. Graham. Since our supply is limited, may we suggest that you present one copy to your Director if he is interested.

We are glad to make distribution of this and of other pertinent bulletins that record the foundations of what is now 4-H Club work. Publications of this sort supplement the excellent material that is in Frank Reck's book "The 4-H Story."

There is much merit in the type of celebration generated in Ohio, Mississippi, and other States commemorating the 50th anniversary of the beginning of 4-H in their State.

PUBLICATION CONTAINING REPRODUCTIONS OF HISTORIC DOCUMENTS

For the National Citizenship Ceremony, we used "Charters of Freedom", a publication secured from General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service. This reproduces in readable facsimile the complete texts of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. It includes historical notes, an account of the travels of the documents, reproductions of the murals in the National Archives Building, and a picture of the building. Two colors, 11 x 14 inches 16 pp. 25 cents each. In lots of 500 or more, 20 cents per copy.

Checks or money orders for this publication should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent to the National Archives, Washington 25, D. C. Please do not send postage.

WATCH FOR THESE NEW BULLETINS

A program suggestion for YMW workers is the new booklet "Types of Life Insurance" (Institute of Life Insurance) which will come off the press soon. Sample copies and complete information are being mailed to each Extension home management specialist as soon as it comes from the press. Specialists have been told they may order as many copies as they wish, free of charge, according to Eunice Heywood, who has been a member of the advisory committee. May we suggest that YMW workers may want to discuss this with the home management specialist in your State.

"Money Management for Young Moderns" will be of interest to those States who include the household finance bulletins on your reference lists. This new booklet is slanted to the teen-age or young adult level.

4-H FOOD BULLETINS LISTED

A list is enclosed of 4-H foods bulletins, now being used in various States. This is part of a longer list compiled by Dr. Evelyn Blanchard, Nutrition Specialist in the Federal Extension Service. We are sending you only the 4-H listings; your nutrition specialist is receiving the longer list.

CHANGE IN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

On June 7, 1954, Congress passed a law changing the pledge of the allegiance to the flag so that it now contains references to the Deity. The measure was signed by President Eisenhower and was immediately effective. The pledge is now in keeping with our traditions and idealisms as a Nation. The text of the new revised pledge and the explanatory notes are quoted as follows from the Congressional Record of June 7, 1954.

"Sec. 7. The following is designated as the pledge of allegiance to the flag: 'I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.' Such pledge should be rendered by standing with the right hand over the heart. However, civilians will always show full respect to the flag when the pledge is given by merely standing at attention, men removing the headdress. Persons in uniform shall render the military salute."

THE NEW STANDARD REPORT FORM

May we share with you an interpretative statement about the revision of the 4-H standard report form used for awards programs. This was prepared by G. A. Lineweaver, who served as chairman of the committee. This committee handled a difficult assignment in a masterful way.

NEWS OF STATE STAFF MEMBERS

By retirement, this month, we lose four stalwarts who have done much to further 4-H Club work throughout the Nation. We could devote pages to summarizing the work of each of them--but their records will be supported by continued good work as a result of the patterns they have helped establish. Hallie Hughes of Virginia, Frederick E. Heinzelman of New York, and O. H. Phillips of North Carolina, were at National Camp, so many of us had a chance to tell them personally about our good wishes for their fruitful years ahead. Utah reports that David Sharp Jr., Supervisor of Youth Program, achieved the rank of professor-emeritus, as of July 1. (Congratulations, Dave).

Three coworkers now back on the 4-H job are Mrs. Martha Harrison of Georgia, Agnes Hanson of Wisconsin (both returning from study leave) and Ulysses G. Word, Jr. of Arkansas. Lloyd Rutledge of Arkansas, acting for Mr. Word, is now Extension Community Activities Specialist. Nebraska reports the resignation of Frank J. Sibert

From North Dakota, comes word that Craig R. Montgomery is acting as State 4-H Club Leader. And, from Washington comes word of the appointment of Gerald L. Poor as a member of the State Extension 4-H Club staff.

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS FROM THE STATES

Indiana - A Descriptive Term

"Human Spark Plug" is the term for 4-H tractor maintenance leaders who do an outstanding job of leadership in the project. Those designated as "human spark plugs" are presented with a special certificate and medal.

KANSAS - Health Camp

The Extension Staff of Kansas have enjoyed the continued support of the Kansas State Board of Health in relation to the 4-H Health Camp.

An interesting approach--the members of the LaMar 4-H Club of Ottawa County, who received State recognition for health activity last year, presented a review of their health work to challenge the campers. Classes, demonstrations and informal exchanges were other methods used successfully at the camp.

This is one of the four State 4-H camps held each summer at Rock Springs Ranch, State 4-H Club center.

MICHIGAN - New 4-H Projects

Three counties in Michigan are now trying a new project in 4-H welding, which seems to have taken hold very well. Another set of new 4-H projects, started last year, are in the health and safety areas. They include health, first aid, safety in the home, safety for baby sitters, bicycle and pedestrian safety, safety on the farm, gun safety, and drivers' safety. Club members can take the projects in any order they like. Indication of successful response is the large number of members who have enrolled.

MINNESOTA - "New Lock" for YMW

Looking for some helpful ideas? Lucile Holaday and S. B. Cleland of Minnesota Staff have lesson plans on: "Money Management for Young Adults Before and After Marriage" and "Farm Rental Situations". Write to Robert Pinches, Rural Youth Agent.

MISSISSIPPI - Youth Day at Annual Farm and Home Week

County 4-H delegations are joining with other youth, organized or not, to participate in Youth Day, a feature of Farm and Home Week. Various schools at the college hold "open house" in their respective buildings. The youth also participate in guided tours of laboratories, museum, and special exhibits.

NEW JERSEY - New High in Cooperation

The five major dairy breeds join together in staging an all-breed Dairy Calf Selection Day. This is devised as a means of helping 4-H Club members get suitable animals for their project programs.

It's a rare thing to hear of a Rare Breeds Poultry Club but that is what has been developed in Atlantic County. It has been developed to help boys and girls become better aware of the breeds of poultry other than the everyday ones which they see in the commercial poultry-producing areas.

PUERTO RICO - Human Relations Training for Staff

Puerto Rico joins the areas that have now had the opportunity of special human relations training for members of the Extension staff. Dr. Glenn Dildine of the 4-H Foundation staff stimulated the group to think of "reasons why" in relation to Extension youth programs.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Leadership Workshop

Sponsored by the Rural Youth group, but open to any interested young man or woman, was the recent leadership workshop and jamboree. Participants aimed to learn techniques in developing leadership skills through (1) learning how to lead discussions, (2) developing demonstrations, (3) leading folk games and square dancing, (4) learning music leadership techniques, and (5) writing news stories.

TEXAS - 4-H Roundup

This fine event seems rightly named. The program "corralled" some 19 different subject-matter shortcourses. They ranged from agricultural engineering to wildlife, and included not only agricultural subjects but those involving the home, leadership and recreation. Theme of the Roundup was "Building a Stronger America."

WASHINGTON - Spotlighting Safety

Learning "survival skills in an atomic age" was one of the activity group choices at the 30th annual 4-H Club camp. After a series of four training sessions, the participants demonstrated their new-found knowledge to the other members in one of the general assembly programs.

Two others of the many activity choices concerned safety. One demonstrated pointers for getting rid of hazards to life and limb in connection with working around the farm and home. In the other group, the Washington State Highway Patrol worked to the provocative title of "Let's Stay Alive." The young people, under their guidance, studied traffic problems for vehicles and pedestrians in downtown Pullman. They surveyed the problems and then set about figuring out solutions.

Four Canadian 4-Hers attended the Washington Camp. They reported that their own province of British Columbia now has approximately 2,000 4-H Clubs with an average of 20 to 40 members in each club.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF TEAM APPROACH

May we share a pertinent comment by S. P. Lyle of this office regarding the cooperation of many groups in tractor work: "I have had a look at the excellent 4-H tractor maintenance programs in forty States this spring and feel that much is being gained by correlating farmer, dealer, and 4-H power-farming activities into one county program, coordinated by the extension agents' leadership."

SEVENTEENTH INTERSTATE 4-H CLUB STAFF CONFERENCE

The eight-State conference was held at Green Lake, Wisc., July 13 to 15. The principal topics were supervision, training programs for agents and leaders, studies, and IFYE and YMW Programs. Staff of the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work and National 4-H Club Foundation attended. Verne Varney, Wisconsin, and Stanley Davidson, Iowa, were succeeded by Harold Anderson, Minnesota, and Robert C. Clough, Missouri, as general chairman and program chairman respectively.

NATION-WIDE ACCLAIM TO NEW JERSEY 4-H

You will be thrilled, as we were, to read the article entitled "These Kids Raise Dogs for the Blind" in the July 24 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. It is a factual and entertaining feature length article about the Seeing-Eye 4-H Dog Project that has been conducted in New Jersey for about 10 years. Here is another example of where the Extension Service through 4-H Club work is making a deeply significant contribution to the training of youth and to the well-being of our citizens. Congratulations to New Jersey.

THEME FOR 4-H CLUB WORK IN 1955 AND FUTURE YEARS

The Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work have asked that this office poll the States in order to receive suggestions for a theme to be used in 4-H work during 1955. We urgently need this for use on certain materials distributed nationwide. This is to request that you and other members of the State extension staff concerned indicate your ideas and suggestions and return the attached sheet to us by August 15.

A few suggestions already have been received:

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| 1. Learning by Doing in 4-H | 4. 4-H Clubs for Better home, |
| 2. 4-H Club Members <u>Do</u> Things | Community, and World |
| 3. 4-H is a Family Affair | 5. Working Together for World |
| | Understanding (present theme) |

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Aiton

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Enclosures.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THEME FOR 4-H CLUB WORK IN 1955 AND FUTURE YEARS

Please indicate below your first, second, and third choice for a theme. We hope to receive some good new suggestions. These will be relayed to the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work for final decision soon, so please give us your reaction by August 15.

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Other _____

I (We) believe the theme selected for 1955 should be used for 1 _____,
2 _____, 3 _____, or more than 3 _____ years.

(Your name or State)

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